

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1 - 5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A remote control adapted to provide a return to channel feature for a media device not equipped for a return to channel feature, the remote control comprising:

a timer for timing a predetermined interval;

memory; and

programming [steps] stored in memory for performing steps comprising:

 storing a primary channel indicator in memory in response to a first predetermined user action,

starting the timer in response to a second predetermined user action, and


in response to expiration of the predetermined interval, transmitting to the media device a signal corresponding to the primary channel indicator, whereby the media device returns to the primary channel.

7. (Currently Amended) The remote control of claim 6, wherein the programming [steps] further comprises [programming steps] instructions for transmitting the signal corresponding to the primary channel indicator to the media device[, wherein the transmitting is] in response to the user repeating the second predetermined action prior to the predetermined interval expiring.

8. (Original) The remote control of claim 6, comprising a key, and wherein the second predetermined action comprises operating the key.

9. (Currently Amended) The remote control of claim 6, wherein the first predetermined user action for storing the primary channel in memory is the second predetermined user action, whereby the primary channel is stored in memory and the timer is started in response to the same predetermined user action.

10. (Canceled)

 11. (Currently Amended) The remote control of claim 9, wherein the first predetermined user action comprises selecting a single key of the remote control.

12 – 14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A method for effecting a return to a primary channel in a media system, the method comprising:

in response to a user first input of a remote control, setting a timer in the remote control that times a predetermined interval;


storing a primary channel in memory in response to a user second input; and

in response to expiration of the predetermined interval timed by the timer, transmitting a signal corresponding to the primary channel stored in memory to the media device adapted to receive the primary channel.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, comprising, in response to a user third input, readying the remote control to receive the primary channel data in memory.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the user first input comprises operating a key and the user second input comprises operating the key.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the user third input comprises operating the key, including selecting the key for a duration greater than a duration required to effect one of the user first input or the user second input.

 19. (Original) The method of claim 15, comprising, in response to a repeated user first input prior to the expiration of the predetermined interval, transmitting the signal corresponding to the primary channel stored in memory.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring a media channel having an audio component and a video component, the method comprising:

in response to a user first input of a remote control, setting a timer in the remote control that times a predetermined interval;

storing a primary channel data in memory; and

notifying the user in response to expiration of the predetermined interval, wherein the notifying includes using the primary channel data to expose [exposing] the user to at least one of the audio and the video components [corresponding to the primary] of the media channel.

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22 – 32. (Canceled).

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